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WARDEN MESSAGE - PROTESTS IN TETOVO AND SKOPJE SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 2009

The U.S. Embassy has received information from the organizers and the local police that there will be demonstrations on September 30 in Tetovo and on October 1 in Skopje protesting the release of the new Macedonian encyclopedia. The demonstration in Tetovo will begin at 12:00 noon at SEEU and end at 1:00 p.m. at the main square. The demonstration in Skopje is expected to take place on October 1. The Embassy will provide details on the starting time and location of the Skopje demonstration once they become available. The U.S. Embassy has advised its personnel to adjust their travel plans to avoid the areas of the demonstrations.

Demonstrations take place in Macedonia from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website, <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov>, and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs website, www.travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review to "A Safe Trip Abroad," found at http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date

information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

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